

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Bret A. FERREE

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**For: METHODS FOR TREATING A
DEFECT IN THE ANNULUS
FIBROSIS (as amended)**



Group Art Unit: 3731

Examiner: Uyen T. Ho

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 19, 2006, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.

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